

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

James A. SATCHELL, Jr. et al

Confirmation: 6147

Serial No.: 09/686,626

Group Art Unit: 2121

Filed: October 12, 2000

Examiner: GARLAND,  
STEVEN R

For: **VENDING MACHINE AND COMPUTER ASSEMBLY**

**SUBMISSION OF SUPPLEMENTAL DECLARATION AND RECORD OF**  
**PERSONAL INTERVIEW**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Dear Sir:

Applicants appreciate the courtesies extended to both of the inventors as well as the undersigned during a personal interview conducted with Examiner Garland at which his SPE Mr. Decady and QAS Ms. Chaki were present. The interview was conducted on June 9, 2009, and a copy of the summary of the interview is recorded on the Examiner Interview Summary Record mailed June 11, 2009, to which applicants agree.

During the aforementioned interview, Examiner Garland mentioned that the Declaration of one of the co-inventors Dr. Johnson A. Asumadu, a copy of which was filed on April 2, 2009, contains some "informal language" which needed clarification.

The informal language concerned Dr. Asumadu's use of the term "writing patent" or "writing patents". What Dr. Asumadu meant to express was that he was preparing a draft patent application which was to become the patent application which matured into

the patent being reissued and that there was only one patent application being prepared even though he may have used the plural form of "patents" in his Declaration. Such clarification is contained in the attached Supplemental Declaration of Dr. Johnson A. Asumadu submitted for the Examiner's consideration.

It was also noted during the aforementioned interview that applicants wish to make a complete record and respond to any questions of the Examiner before the issuance of the final rejection. In this regard applicants appreciate the indication by Examiner Decady and Ms. Chaki (as detailed in the Interview Summary Record) "that the application would be given a detailed review in light of the interview and an Office Action would issue after further consideration".

Applicants reiterate their position that they are willing to supplement their Declarations to address any perceived deficiencies in the previously filed Rule 131 Declarations (and supplements thereto) of record, as well as to consider further clarifying amendments to distinguish the invention from any applied prior art.

Thus, the undersigned respectfully requests that should the detailed review reveal any perceived deficiencies in the Declarations, or any clarifying amendments that would place any claims in condition for allowance that a brief telephonic interview initiated by the Examiner to address these concerns or issues be made if it would advance prosecution in view of the fact that this reissue application has been pending for a substantial number of years and reissue applicants are desirous of concluding the prosecution as soon as possible.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the fees filed, asserted to be filed or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our Deposit Account No. 14-1437, under Order No. 8685.002.US0001.

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Respectfully submitted,



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**SUPPLEMENTAL DECLARATION**

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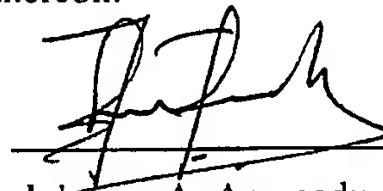
I, Johnson A. Asumadu, am over the age of twenty-one years and if called to testify would be fully competent to testify as to the following:

1. All statements made herein are based on personal knowledge;
2. I am the same, Johnson A. Asumadu, who is a co-inventor of the above-identified patent being reissued by the above-identified reissue application, and the same person who has already filed several Declarations under 37 CFR 1.131, including the Declaration filed April 2, 2009;
3. In the Declaration filed April 2, 2009, I used the term "patent" or "patents" which both meant to me a single "patent application draft" which was to become U.S. Patent Application Serial 715,232, filed September 18, 1996, which was to become U.S. Patent 5,822,216, the patent being reissued by the above-referenced application.
4. FURTHER DECLARANT SAYETH NOT.

I further declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements are the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statement may jeopardize the validity of the reissue application or of any reissue patent to issue thereon.

6/23/09

Date:



Johnson A. Asumadu